

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**
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Application No.: 10/563,130) Group Art Unit: 1796
Filed: January 3, 2006) Examiner: Kuoliang PENG
For: A METHOD OF PRODUCING AN) Confirmation No.: 8036
INTERPENETRATING POLYMER)
NETWORK (IPN), THE IPN AND USE)
THEREOF)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability issued on December 28, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application.

The comments in the Statement states:

Finberg discloses a membrane made of a polysiloxane IPN. However, Finberg does not teach or fairly suggest the process set forth in Claim 1 and the products set forth in Claims 49-51.

(page 23, paragraph 6 of the Notice of Allowability)

The above comments seem to relate to claims 1 and 49-51. It is noted though that claims 2-37 depend from claim 1 and are also directed to a method of producing an IPN. Further, claims 38-40 are directed to a method of producing a polymeric unit, and claims 41-44 are directed to a method of producing a polymer membrane. Moreover, claims 49-51 depend from claim 38, and recite an automotive part, a telecom part and a medical device, respectively.

Thus, this paper is being filed to clarify the record and point out that the comments in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be understood to imply that the allowed claims in this application recite anything different than that which the claims themselves recite.

Furthermore, each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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